Past performance system:

3. As in the previous year, the base period for calculation of past performance will be 2½ years, namely 1984. 1985 and January-June 1986. The exporter will be eligible for allotment under this system only if he has export performance in the relevant country/category during any two years of the three years.

First come first served small order system:

4. The applicant should be an income tax assessee and should file an affidavit giving the list of associate firms for applying under the system. Exporters registered with registering authority upto 30-6-1984 are eligible to apply under this system.

Manufacturer Exporters System:

5. The allocation under this system will be made by the Textile Commissioner. The total allocation for a Manufacturer-exporter under Past Performance and Manufacturer Exporter system should neither exceed 110 per cent of his average annual performance nor his manufacturing capacity.

Central State Corporation System:

6. Allotment under this system will be made only for Central/State Corporations and Apex Societies having their own production facilities.

Non-quota Exporter System:

7. In order to encourage exports to non-quota countries 1 per cent of the annual levels have been reserved for allocation to exporters with specific export performance in the GCA non-quota countries. For this purpose, the export performance for the period July, 1985 to June, 1986 will be taken into account.

Influx of Chakma tribals into Tripura

833. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item captioned "Chakma influx continues unabated" as reported in the 'Times of India' of 5th September, 1986,

(b) whether the President of Bangladesh during his last visit to India had assured that the steps for repatriation of Chakma refugees in Tripura would be taken up urgently;

(c) whether it is a fact that the influx of Chakma refugees is rising day by day;

(d) whether Government propose to take up the matter with the Bangladesh Government; and

(e) if so, by when and what further steps have been taken by Government to stop the influx of Chakma refugees into the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) Every possible occasion has been used to raise the matter with the Government of Bangladesh. Government will continue to make all efforts for the safe return of these refugees to Bangladesh.

Measures to promote exports

834. SHRI D. B. CHANDRA GOWDA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have recently approved a series of measures to promote exports;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the items likely to be covered by these measures?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKAR): (a) to (c) The Government has announced recently a series of major decisions for boosting exports. These include easier access to machinery and raw materials to major export sectors, upgradation of technology, and modification and revision of our fiscal and industrial policies to encourage export production. These measures cover all the major export sectors.

Raid at the premises of brokers of Stock Exchange at Bombay

835. SHRI D. B. CHANDRA GOWDA:
SHRI JAGESH DESAI:
SHRI J. P. GOYAL:
SHRI RASHEED MASOOD:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Income Tax authorities at Bombay have recently raided the premises of Stock Exchange brokers;

(b) if so, what are the details of the incriminating documents, gold, cash, etc. seized during these raids;

(c) what is the number of share brokers involved in these raids; and

(d) what action is being contemplated by Government against the erring persons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The Income-tax authorities at Bombay had recently searched the premises of 22 share brokers and *prima-facie* unaccounted assets including cash, jewellery, silver and other assets amounting to Rs. 6.33 crores have been seized upto 31-10-1986. A lot of incriminating material has also been seized and action for assessment, penalties and prosecution under the Direct Taxes Acts is being taken in these cases.

LIC offices in N.E. States

836. SHRI JAGESH DESAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) how many offices of the Life Insurance Corporation are situated in North Eastern States;

(b) whether it is a fact that the number of offices are very much less as compared to the area; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken by Government to open more LIC offices in this region?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) There are 3 Divisional Offices and 37 Branch Offices of the Life Insurance Corporation of India in the N.E. States.

(b) and (c) Opening of offices in an area is not dependent only on the geographic area. Factors like population, availability of development staff, business potential, number of branches in a district, etc., are also taken into account. Viewed in this context, it would not be correct to say that the number of offices are less.

Settlement of excise disputes

837. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 21 firms have urged the Union Government to come to an out of the court settlement of excise disputes;

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposal; and

(c) what is the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.